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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons

- 1 ☐ Claims Nos
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely
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- 3 ☐ Claims Nos
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Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows

see additional sheet

- 1 ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all
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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest
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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-17

Immunogenic composition comprising a conjugated capsular saccharide antigen of each serogroup c, W135 and y, and one or more polypeptide antigens from serogroup B

2. claims: 18-20

Immunogenic composition comprising a conjugated serogroup W135 capsular saccharide antigen and a conjugated H. influenza type b capsular saccharide antigen.

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